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Hugh Thanks His 'Chain of Survival'

By Mick Colageo

Captain Kevin Richard of the Rochester Fire Department could not believe his eyes.

Having received the call at approximately 8:30 am on May 10 that a golfer at Rochester Golf Club was unconscious and not breathing with CPR reportedly in progress, he arrived at the course parking lot off Route 105 to the sight of Hugh McGonagle's arms flopping into the air and back down, out of sight.

"That's the best CPR I've ever seen," Richard recalled saying.

The life-saving intervention was being performed by fellow Sunday-morning golfer John Magilton, who intercepted McGonagle's playing partners in transport back toward the clubhouse from way out on the 3rd hole where McGonagle had collapsed while sitting in his cart. Magilton, a medical professional who recognized the trouble from the 1st hole, told them upon reaching the parking lot that McGonagle needs to be on the ground, where he furiously worked for two minutes until EMT's were on site.

"I was spent," Magilton confessed.

Critical recognition, critical seconds, critical training and critical decisions among several parties that morning saved McGonagle's life. In celebrating this success story on Friday at the Rochester Senior Center, Richard identified Magilton's intervention as an essential component in the "chain of survival."

The arrival of Rochester Rescue 210 and Engine 193 coincided with that of the Rochester Police Department. Suddenly, a team of EMT's, paramedics, and police officers were engaged in McGonagle's treatment and evaluation. CPR continued in the parking lot, upgraded with use of the Lifepak 15 Cardiac Monitor and

***On the Cover:** Hugh McGonagle, 74, is only days away from resuming light activity after suffering cardiac arrest on May 10 while in his cart at Rochester Golf Club. On Friday at the Senior Center, the Rochester Fire Department celebrated the team effort it took to save McGonagle's life, starting with quick responses from his playing partners, CPR administered by a medical professional who happened to be playing an opposite-facing hole, followed by the intervention of the town's first responders. Photo by Mick Colageo*

the Lucas automated CPR device. Several shocks were administered.

An ambulance took McGonagle to Tobey Hospital. On the way, he regained consciousness and communicated but, being critically ill, was taken from Tobey to Boston via Boston Medflight Helicopter.

Paramedic Steve Cody, McGonagle's son-in-law and a nurse practitioner, paused to reflect on the storm in his mind as he was faced with such a personal situation.

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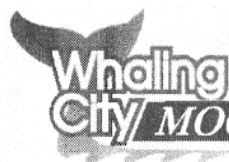
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and son," he said, recalling the realization that his wife Danielle, McGonagle's daughter, was listening on the other end of his cell phone. "Literally, it was a switch back and forth between medic and son. I talked to him, he'd look up at me, 'Stevie, Stevie,' he'd recognize, then I'd have to do something else. It just depended on where my brain was at the time."

Cody, 50, has been on life-saving missions for 29 years. He served in the trauma unit now known as BMC South (Brockton), worked in the emergency room and, as a psychiatric nurse practitioner, plans to point his career toward mental health.

"I'm just hoping we can get 'CPR saves lives' message to people because, honestly, it takes five minutes

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to get there, and if you're not doing anything, that's five minutes wasted," said Cody.

Response times to the rapidly growing, eastern end of Rochester around Routes 28 and 58 are substantially longer. Due to prohibitive, post-Covid construction costs, pursuit of an auxiliary fire station in that area has been tabled with the town fiscally challenged to build a long-overdue replacement of the main station adjacent to Rochester Elementary School.

Inflation only amplifies Cody's concern that residents learn CPR and buy their loved ones – or any victim – critical minutes while professional help is on the way.

As Richard described the effort before officially recognizing the many who pulled together to save McGonagle, the chain of survival on May 10 was instant, cohesive, cooperative, and unbroken. As miraculous as it sounds, those involved saw individual public recognition as an opportunity to reinforce the message that this can be a normal response.

"We talked about the chain of survival because it's literally a chain," said Cody. "You have to recognize immediately, you have to call 911 immediately, you have to start CPR immediately, you have to continue CPR, it has to be effective, we have to get there, we have to (defibrillate) immediately, as soon as possible. You take any one of those chains out, and he had three to five minutes without a pulse."

The loss of any one of those links in the chain, said Cody, would have produced a different outcome.

Richard compared McGonagle's event to the one Fire Chief Scott Weigel suffered at home. The chief was in attendance Friday to present awards to participants in McGonagle's rescue.

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– Danielle is also an EMT and soon-to-become nurse practitioner – the survivor was fully cognizant of all that went into his rescue and shared big hugs with his family and friends.

"I can start a little light golf – chipping and putting – after six weeks. This Sunday makes five weeks," said McGonagle, who goes 6-foot-1 and is down from 245 pounds when he collapsed to 226 as of June 12.

"They're healing," he said of his ribs. "It feels much better now. At least, if I have to cough, I can cough ... it was hard to breathe."

When McGonagle woke up in the hospital to tremendous pain in his chest, he asked his doctor why. The answer was his ribs were broken. "How many?" he

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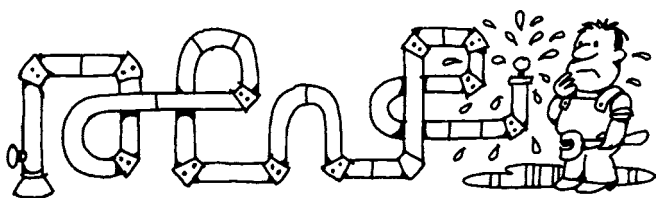


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asked. "All of them."

Magilton said, "You're welcome." Laughter ensued.

Danielle Cody thanked the Rochester Fire Department, the civilians who intervened and the community at large in a letter shared on social media.

"Statistically, the odds were against him, but the immediate action of those around him changed everything. ... I wanted to share the full story because it is a beautiful, rare testament to the power of quick thinking, community, and the compassion of strangers and friends alike," she stated in her letter. "My family and I are eternally grateful. We are overwhelmed by the skill and heart shown by first responders and everyone on that course. On a lighter note, if you're looking for a place to play golf, head to Rochester – it's clearly the safest course around!"

Receiving Civilian Lifesaver awards: John Magilton, Brent Burrell, Charles Schlaegel, and Warren Hovasse.

Fire/EMS/Police Lifesaver awards: Deputy Chief Jeffrey Eldridge, Captain Kevin Richard, Paramedic David Zander, Paramedic Steve Cody, Firefighter Benjamin Ferreira, Sergeant Catherine Connolly, and Detective Paul Douglas.

Certificates of Recognition: Supervisor Stephanie Lenihan, Dispatcher Kristen McDonald, Fire Dispatcher Ashley Joyce, Fire Dispatcher Andrea Tarrant, Police Dispatcher Jordan Shairs, and Police Dispatcher Patrick Moran.

Assistant No More: Principal Charles West By Sam Bishop

Charles West has a long history of working in education. Though he was not an educator himself, he worked at Rochester Memorial School for approximately 23 years, first as a social worker and later becoming assistant principal in 2013, 13 years ago.

Last month, the Old Rochester Regional School Committee approved West's appointment as the new principal at Mattapoisett's Center School, taking over from Dr. Linda Ashley who is retiring after 35 years in education and three as principal.

Taking a short break from working on teacher evaluations at RMS, we spoke with Charley last week to get a sense of how it's going preparing to move schools and towns after so many years. He has worked on the Summer Adventures in Learning (SAIL) program at Center School, so he will not be totally alien to his new workplace. He will officially start his new role on July 1, finishing out the year at RMS and shifting into running SAIL and preparing to become principal of Center School at the same time.

"I'm looking forward to joining a wonderful group of educators there at Center School," he said. "The school has a great reputation of academic excellence combined with a really supportive and caring learning

environment for students." On the excitement, he said he was looking forward to this new chapter of his professional career, calling it "energizing."

"I have kind of a clinical background. Prior to coming into the public school system, I worked in everything from community mental health to the clinical director of a residential treatment program for kids in Vermont," he said. West mentioned the work positioned him well for schoolwork, then becoming a school social worker at RMS in the early 2000s. Charley said he loved directly working with kids, but said he "believe it or not, missed the management pieces of the work." He highlighted bringing people together, collaborating on initiatives, and forging connections as motivating factors in his original involvement in school administration.

Though he is excited, he said he will most miss the relationships he made with staff, families, and the community in his long career at RMS. "It's going to be a loss to be moving away from them. The good news is I'm not going very far, and I'll still be able to stay connected," he said.

In heading to Center School, West said he has received a warm welcome from teachers, students, and staff. "They've been great, as well as the outgoing principal," he said, citing help and guidance from Ashley. West stated he looks forward to "seeing what's going on there," and wants to "respect the traditions that currently exist." To that, he added, "it's a great climate and culture

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there, so I'm not planning to go in and burn it down and rebuild." He again emphasized collaboration and sharing ideas to troubleshoot.

Charley West is spared a trial by fire, having the summer to get acclimated and prepare for the start of the new school year in September. A nearby resident, Charley exclaimed his excitement for the option of peddling to work on the bike path. "I'm a big biker, so that is pretty cool. I can just zip down there. That's a cool little bonus."

Structure Fire at SEMASS/Covanta Waste-to-Energy Facility

On Sunday at approximately 11:57 a.m., the Rochester Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire at the SEMASS/Covanta Waste-to-Energy Facility located in Rochester.

First-arriving units reported heavy smoke coming from the shredder area of the facility. Upon establishing command and conducting an initial size up, crews determined that the conveyor belt system which feeds waste into a shredder had broken and had spread the fire within the facility.

Firefighters immediately initiated suppression operations. Due to the size and complexity of the incident, automatic mutual aid was requested from the Marion and Mattapoisett Fire Departments.

Additional mutual aid resources were requested including a Tanker Task Force consisting of tankers from the Wareham, Lakeville, Acushnet, and Freetown Fire Departments. Additional engine companies and manpower responded from Lakeville, Freetown, Acushnet, Wareham, Middleborough, Carver, and Onset. Ambulances were also requested from the Wareham and Freetown Fire Departments to support on-scene operations. Marion EMS responded to a medical call in Rochester at the time of the fire.

During firefighting operations, one firefighter was transported to a local hospital for evaluation and treatment of heat exhaustion. The firefighter's condition is not believed to be serious. An employee from the facility was evaluated by EMS for an injury and released.

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The Rochester Fire Department would like to thank all mutual aid departments and facility personnel for their assistance and cooperation during this challenging incident.

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Further information will be released as it becomes available.

Romancing the Lawn

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

Nothing speaks summer so perfectly as a lush green lawn. It's the mainstay of recreation, an essential to games like croquet, badminton and golf. The sweet smell of fresh-cut grass has the power to transport us back to our childhood days of playing "red rover" or "hide and seek." A lawn mower's hum somehow reassures us that summer is here and we can go on playing.

But surely as those endless summers of childhood slip away, the lawn is less and less about carefree fun and more about detail work and regular maintenance. For those whose job it is to keep up with the trimming, not to mention the watering and feeding, the romance may be over before the fleeting summer season.

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extra money and took on some lawn-care work. Over time, he had several customers and was even entrusted with caring for a newly installed landscape, including overseeing its watering schedule in addition to mowing lawns. It seems that this early immersion – along with the many chores he handled at home – served him well. Now in his thirties, Tristan finds great satisfaction in gardening and spending time outdoors.

I sometimes wonder whether teenagers still

mow lawns for spending money the way they did when I was growing up. According to my high school students, the answer is yes. One young entrepreneur told me he earns \$16 an hour and takes home roughly \$300 a week. For another

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Their stories brought back memories of my own experiences. As a child, I was usually assigned indoor chores like dusting furniture while my brothers had the more coveted outdoor work – namely, mowing the lawn. It wasn't until my teenage years that I finally got a turn behind the mower, and I took to it immediately. I can still remember being happy to earn a few dollars for the effort. Over the years, mowing has remained one of those surprisingly satisfying tasks. There's something appealing about being in charge of your own little patch of land, and few chores offer such an immediate sense of accomplishment. By the time the last row is cut, the



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Don't discount the creative aspects. There is more than one way to cut grass. High, low, in laps, on the diagonal, crisscrossed. You can fuss over it like the most sublime English bowling green or you can allow things to grow, like dandelions and wildflowers. It's a simple matter of preference. I love clover and even the occasional wildflowers that meander through the lawn. The bees seem to appreciate it as much as I do.

And there's something for everyone in how you choose to do it. For those more environmentally conscious, manual-push mowers offer a quieter, low-impact alternative — much like the one my grandmother used, which was also the first mower I ever handled. In fact, we still have one today. It was a Father's Day gift for my husband a few years ago, and it remains both a practical tool and a nostalgic reminder that simple designs can still work beautifully.

For those who want cutting-edge equipment, there are choices of engines, power output and improved ergonomics, along with the bells and whistles of mulching attachments and self-cleaning features. Speaking of mulching, it's a good way to go, says my brother who has

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Dexter Tub Mill Rededication

By Marilou Newell

The rededication of the witness tree located at the Dexter Tub Mill Park on Route 6 took place on Sunday,



June 14. The Mattapoisett Land Trust has installed a new historical sign, indicating the importance of the location to the town's history as well as the tree itself.

The celebrations on this day included comments from Bobby Gaspar, the chairman of the 250th committee, as well as comments from MLT president Mike Huguenin. Also on hand for the event was the director of the Mattapoisett History Museum, Connor Gaudet, who gave a brief historical viewpoint of what a witness tree meant in bygone years. Select Board member Frances Kearns spoke to Flag Day concurrently taking place as did Select Board member Nicole Lynch.

State Representative Mark Sylvia spoke to Mattapoisett's participation in various historical events

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of the past, not the least of which was the Revolutionary War. Upcoming events for the town's 250th celebration will include field of flags installation at Dunseith Gardens, a community picnic on July 3 at Ned's Point, a Happy Birthday celebration at Center School with tours of the original center of Mattapoisett and various places of interest from the 1700s. The museum will also be open so the public can view the latest installment.

Former members of the Fire Department will share their Mattapoisett firefighter's memories in which the former call for firefighters will gather on Thursday, July 2, at 2:00 pm at the corner of Church and Baptist streets and tell stories about working to protect the town and its citizens.

Then, last but not least, a Dancing event will take place on the wharf at 6:30 pm with booting and scooting line dancing with Sarah T.

Thoughts on...

Someone I Miss

By Dick Morgado

Recently someone writing on our local social media page asked the question "Who do you miss?" It drew an enormous response by residents, past and present, naming persons (and places) they missed growing up in our town. Here is someone I miss.

Much has been written about Abraham Skidmore, the legendary son of former slaves who for some 70 years was Mattapoisett's town barber whose last shop was in the tiny building on Church Street. Few know the story of his successor Al Morgado. After "Skid," as he was known, passed away in 1954, Al took over the shop and became a fixture in town annals for nearly 30 years until his death in 1983.

Al was born three days before New Year's 1917 in Mattapoisett on Cathaway Lane, now Driscoll Lane, in a house his parents, Anna a homemaker and José Morgado, a laborer for Dennis Mahoney and Sons, rented for \$10 a month. Al was one of 10 children, a twin one of three sets.

Life was not easy for this large family. A sister, Erina, contracted tubercular meningitis and died on her fifth birthday in 1919. Five years later, Al's father

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contracted tuberculosis and was moved to a treatment hospital in the town of South Hanson where he passed away in November 1924, leaving Anna a widow whose oldest child was just 17 years old. Al was seven. Shortly after, Al's grandmother, Mary DeMello, who was 88 years of age and well known in Mattapoisett for her daily walks around the village, moved in with the family to help raise the children.

Al attended Mattapoisett Center School through the ninth grade where he acquired the nickname "Hook." According to the 1934 junior high school yearbook *The Wanderer*, he participated in Junior Achievement, Traffic Squad, Drama Club and Baseball. His suppressed desire was "to become a commercial artist." By 1940 he was working for the WPA (Works Progress Administration) along with his brother Manual as a laborer on a water project. Later, following in his father's footsteps, he went to work for Dennis Mahoney driving an oil delivery truck.

In 1941 he married Pearl Duclos and moved in with her parents in a two-tenement house on Field Street in New Bedford. When war was declared after Pearl Harbor, Al enlisted in the Navy and by June was standing watch on the deck of the USS *Pennsylvania*, an ice breaker battleship plying the cold waters of the Bering Sea near the Aleutian Islands off Alaska.

Al spotted a notice on the ship's bulletin board seeking experienced barbers for the ship's shop, which was well below deck and warm. With no experience at all, he mustered up enough courage to march into the barber shop and declared that he owned two barber shops in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Duly impressed, the head barber assigned Al a chair and tools and told him to go to it. The first customer was an officer. Al set the sheers at the back of the officer's neck and proceeded to mow a swarth right up and over the officer's skull. A reverse mohawk. "You don't know how to cut hair, do you?" the head barber said. Al confessed, saying he hated the cold, and for some reason the head man agreed to teach him how to cut hair. A career was born.

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Al was injured in an automobile accident and was transferred to the naval hospital at Treasure Island, California. Later, because of his accident, Al escaped being on board his ship when it was hit by a Japanese torpedo while docked at Okinawa. The ship suffered a hole in its side which flooded many compartments. Family lore suggested that one was the barber shop.

After discharge, Al used his hair-cutting experience to land a job at the Harmony Barber Shop on Union Street in New Bedford. The shop was so named because the owner was a member in the singing group the "Harpoon Harmonizers." Using the G.I. Bill, he bought a home in New Bedford and second, two-tenement house that Pearl's parents lived in, renting the remaining

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When Pearl's parents died a year apart, Mattapoissett beckoned. Al wanted to own his own barber shop, so when Skidmore passed away, he acquired the business and settled into the same small building on Church Street where Skid cut his hair as a kid. Al would drive to Mattapoissett every day in his used, late-1940s, green Studebaker coupe which he said he had to spin the wheel twice around to turn a corner! Shortly after, he sold the houses in New Bedford and returned home to Mattapoissett. He found a small house in the heart of the village, just a short walk from the shop. The builder, Freddy Hield, was a local carpenter who built it for himself, then suddenly died before it was finished. Al would spend nights and days off finishing the inside, making it a permanent home for the family.

Al jumped right in, participating in town activities. He acquired a big base drum and took up the mantle of Skidmore marching at the front of the Halloween parade, sans Skid's goofy hat. Every kid in town soon realized that a knock on the barber-shop door and a polite please would elicit a tasty lollipop. In 1957, during the town's 100th Anniversary parade, Al rode in an old Model T truck, dressed as a hobo, tossing candy to the youngsters along the route.

He started a Youth Bowling League at the old Bowlmor Alleys for all the kids in town. Every Wednesday, Al's day off, after school a line of kids would



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exit Center School to march up Barstow Street to the alleys. At the end of the school year, he would throw a dinner at the Colonial Coach restaurant in Marion to present awards to the bowlers.

The PLC (Professional Loafers Club), a collection of retired "townies," would meet every day at the shop to solve the town's problems and the world's as well. Many of the old timers would be waiting at the door at 5:00 am when Al arrived, complaining that he was late. Al joined the Lion's Club shortly after its inception and became a member of the Machacum Club, the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus. He would work the annual clambakes as a waiter, and when one of his customers was in the hospital Al would visit to give the patient a free



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haircut. Some called him the "Mayor of Mattapoisett."

One wall of the shop was covered with clippings and stories about the town, notes from customers who had moved away, postcards sent from customers' vacations and old historical photos. If business was slow, you might find Al at Tony's PX restaurant next door, grabbing a cup of coffee, or asleep in his barber chair, arms raised, pantomiming cutting someone's hair. He would never take a vacation nor buy a "new" car nor raise his prices, fearing his customers would abandon him. Not likely.

Al died in his sleep on Wednesday, August 24, 1983, his day off. His wake was held in Fairhaven for two afternoons and two evenings. At all sessions the line ran around the block with mourners waiting to offer condolences. On the drive to the funeral, the hearse detoured down Main Street past the Town Hall, turning left at Church Street, pausing for a moment in front of the barber shop before continuing past Center School to St. Anthony's Church. Along the route stood many friends and parents with little children who had their first haircuts at "Al the Barber's." Albert Morgado is buried alongside his wife Pearl in St. Anthony's Cemetery on North Street.

Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and happily retired writer. His newspaper columns appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

Remembering Separation Day

This Week in Revolutionary War History

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in the Thirteen Colonies. Last week, the Continental Congress was forced into formal discussions around independence. From that, they established the Committee of Five to begin drafting a declaration of independence.

On June 14, 1776, there is an important meeting in the New Castle Courthouse outside Wilmington, Delaware. As talks of independence permeated the halls of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia, other colonies took notice and took action, benefiting congress' own push for colonial governments to do so. Representatives of the provincial government of the Lower Counties on the Delaware, or Delaware Colony, met in the courthouse and passed the Act of Separation, which severed ties with the Crown and established the State of Delaware.

In modern times, there are various celebrations throughout Delaware in early June for Separation Day.

On June 16, John Adams writes to his wife Abigail Adams. The future president is working hard as a member of the Committee of Five in Philadelphia. Adams is to edit what Jefferson writes for a declaration that will ultimately be seen by Parliament and King George III. In his letter, Adams writes, "Don't be concerned, about me, if it happens now and then that you don't hear from me, for some weeks together. If any thing should injure my health materially, you will soon hear of it. But I thank God I am in much better health than I expected to be. But this cannot last long, under the load that I carry."

On June 17, it is the one-year anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill. The past year has proved to be a flurry of events as the balance of power rocks back and forth across the continent. By this point, the British had evacuated Boston around three months ago.

The next day, the first meeting of the Pennsylvania Provincial Conference is held in Carpenters' Hall in Philadelphia. At the meeting, 97 out of 103 delegates meet and discuss the colony's independence.

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Over the next few days, the delegates declared the colonial government to be void and thus established the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. With that, they began preparations for elections to a constitutional convention to draft a governing document for the commonwealth, as well as formally mobilizing the Pennsylvania Militia for the war.

Also on June 18, Congress passed the Tory Resolution, which ensured "That no man in these colonies, charged with being a tory, or unfriendly to the cause of American liberty, be injured in his person or property, or in any manner whatever disturbed." So long as the Tory in question did not aid the enemy, they were to be guarded against persecution. In a way, this act could be seen as a way to placate the local Tories, as New York was seen as a sanctuary of British support.

Speaking of Tories, on June 19, William Franklin, Colonial Governor of New Jersey and son of Benjamin Franklin, was allowed to see his wife Elizabeth one last time before being placed on house arrest for treason for his loyalty to the Crown. Elizabeth would die a year



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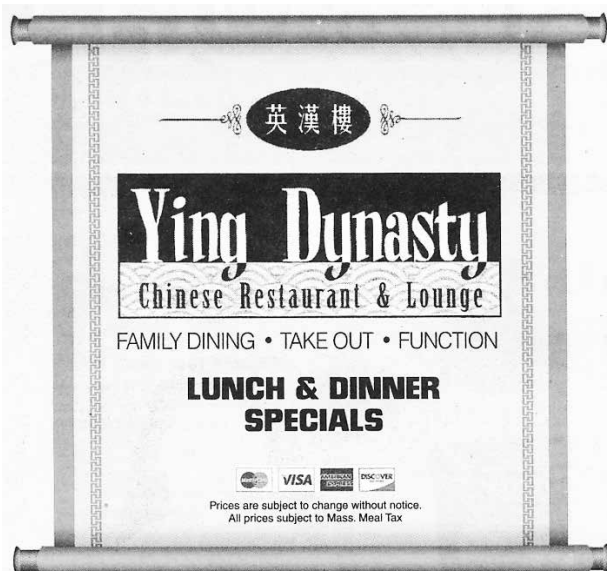


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later, with William not having seen her again, nor being allowed to attend her funeral. William would remain in prison until 1778, never accepting independence, nor reconciling with his father. The two would only meet once after the arrest, many years later and after the war.

On June 21, Benjamin Franklin writes to Washington. He, also a member of the Committee of Five and having just recently turned 70, writes, "I see in it a detail of the mighty force we are threatened with; which however I think it is not certain will ever arrive; & I see more certainly the ruin of Britain if she persists in such expensive distant expeditions, which will probably prove more disastrous to her than anciently her wars in the Holy Land." He makes no mention of his son, possibly not yet



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All's Well That Ends Well

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

The solution was elusive but not impossible for the first action item on the agenda of the Marion Select Board during Tuesday night's meeting at the Police Station.

Homeowner Corey Ferreira had requested a waiver from a bylaw that would have allowed him to install a drinking-water well on his property at 373 Wareham Road (Route 6).

Ferreira's representative, David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc., laid out an \$18,000 plan that would include four actions including the water, the well, a tie-in to town sewer, and a retaining wall.

Davignon told the board that the town's water line runs along the opposite side of Route 6 from Ferreira's address, and a state-approved dig could take up to six months to complete. The well, according to Ferreira, was always part of his building permit.

What concerned Select Board member Randy Parker was precedence.

"Everybody who builds a house is going to apply

for a well," said Parker.

Citing that a well would be half the price of the \$38,000 it will cost to get a water line across Route 6, Davignon cited details about Ferreira's lot and asserted that his quandary is rare enough not to be concerned with copycats.

"Unfortunately, Dave, for the first time in my life I disagree with you," said Parker, who insists trouble lies ahead with such an approval. "I've never approved (a well) for domestic water – and especially (for a home) on (town) sewer – at least in nine years."

Town Administrator Geoff Gorman confirmed that there remain no more buildable lots at Ferreira's location, but Parker stuck to his argument that an approval for a domestic well at the address would prove to set a bad precedent for the town.

Davignon countered with a request that the town consider relief on the \$10,000 sewer hookup. Parker requested a number. "If I'm greedy, I would ask for the exact difference," said Davignon, advocating for the applicant. Board Chairman John Hoagland asked if Ferreira would consider \$5,000 in relief.

The compromise was thereby reached: Route 6 will not be dug up, Marion will not approve a domestic well, and will not fear having opened the floodgates for future domestic-well applications. But Ferreira will pay half the regular fee for his sewer hookup. It will cost him \$17,000 for a temporary tie-in to the neighboring water line at 369 Wareham Road.

After a 6:00 pm Public Hearing, it was voted via three motions that the town approves the transfer of the all-alcohol, off-premises license and inventory of ICJ Corp dba Top of The Hill Liquors, 311 Marion Street (Route 6), to Sri Vinayak Corporation, the principals of which are Sonalben Patel (50%), Jaiminkumar Patel (40%) and Vishal Patel (10%).

The third motion conditioned that ownership would revert back to ICJ Corp should the Patel ownership fail to meet its end of the bargain. ICJ is financing the Patels' purchase pending an agreed schedule of payments of principal and interest.

Jaiminkumar Patel will act as manager. He has been working for another Marion-based business since



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The application now goes to the state agency ABCC for its approval.

Before delving into action items, Hoagland announced that former Marion Harbormaster Adam Murphy has filed a suit against the town, claiming he was fired at a January 28 meeting with the Select Board chairman, the police chief and the town administrator. Hoagland noted that the town disputes Murphy's narrative, stating that the Marion participants are in agreement that Murphy submitted his resignation at that meeting and it was accepted. Hoagland said he would keep the town informed as the case develops.

Davignon's work was also evident in a 26-spot, parking proposal for the area between Wells Road and Route 6 now owned by "JJ" Pope and Michelle Pope. The plan was well received by the Select Board, which has considered the area "an eye sore" for years. Gorman will seek guidance to determine what it will take to bring the plan forward.

Seeking compliance for a delinquent water bill over three years for a Rochester resident (284 New Bedford Road), the board agreed to waive the required 10% down payment on the principal and the interest provided the resident remain current on the five-year payment schedule. A lien will be applied should the property be sold. Hoagland said there are more such cases

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The Select Board is still trying to get the bottom of a discrepancy between \$2,100,000 and \$2,600,000 in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between member towns and the Old Rochester Regional School District regarding Gateway Health Group funding. The Mattapoisett Select Board approved the MOU, and Hoagland wants to know how that affects Marion's options. Citing no quarterly reports from the ORR School Committee since January, Hoagland also wants monthly reports and for ORR to move up from a December 31 deadline to September 30 with year-end information. The other Select Board members considered Hoagland's requests reasonable, and Gorman said he will forward the

changes to ORR Administration.

Normally the purview of the Board of Health, the Select Board discussed the Third Read of the town's Blighted and Vacant Property Policy. Both Burr and Parker dislike the document, but Hoagland said he can think of at least four properties in town that need intervention.

"Pitcher Street, when are we going to wake up? They owe us thousands of dollars, and it just sits there rotting," he said. "I think we owe those residents on Pitcher Street some action."

Parker argued that, before arming the town with policy, it would be better to "find out what's going on behind the scenes and see what we can do with those. ... there were times when town found money to help someone. You have to find out what's going on ... I think we're still that town."

Hoagland's was the dissenting vote against Burr's and Parker's that tabled the matter.

A discussion regarding the Department of Public Works buildings on Route 6 yielded interest in putting together a group (committee), and the focus shifted to the town's two water towers, their maintenance and apparatus and certification. With neither in use, Parker suggested learning what it will cost to decommission them. Hoagland said it will cost \$250,000 to take down the water tower at the former DPW headquarters. The ground there also will need testing. Gorman will provide information that will enable action by the board.

The town's new contract with Waste Management adds a third curbside recycling date. Affected residents will be notified.

Inclusionary Bylaw Fees will remain at \$75,000 per unit. Toll Brothers' project at 78 Wareham Road is already in for \$75,000 per unit, but uplands of the former Lockheed Martin business park could be affected.

Heather Corrigan's request for a Special One Day Alcohol Beverage License for a July 31 fundraiser for the Marion Art Center from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm was approved. The event anticipated approximately 300 attendees.

Other votes approved the removal of the July 7



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and August 4 Select Board meetings, noting the board can schedule a special meeting to address any business, the scheduling of two meetings in August for the Select Board Goal Retreat, the appointment of Police Officer Nathan Oliveira (effective June 16) to a one-year probationary period, the appointment of Jennifer Petersen as a full member of the town's Affordable Housing Trust, the dissolution of the DPW Building Committee – with gratitude, the reappointments of many members of Marion boards, committees and staff, and a Water/Sewer Commitment of \$1,401.54 (final readings June 4).

In his Town Administrator Report, Gorman noted that the Town House is on track to move back into its permanent home on the July 27 weekend (July 28 is nomination papers day for the primary). Gorman said eight speed humps are expected this week, six of which will be placed on Front Street with two others for at-large consideration. The Shared Use Path is on track for an August 16 bid, as paperwork has been submitted to the owners of affected rights of way. A July 21 meeting with KP Law will update the board on the taking of land – there were no donations as of Tuesday's meeting.

The permit process has been completed to start construction on solar atop the new DPW building; the town is waiting on an update regarding materials. The town is on track to hold a fireworks display. The Independence Day Parade is taking applications online, and any questions can be directed to Executive Assistant

to the Select Board Donna Hemphill. The Town Party, scheduled for July 25 (rain date July 26) received a donation on Tuesday. Employee Appreciation Day will be held on June 25, shutting down routine customer service at 12:00 for a picnic at Cushing Community Center.

Hemphill was congratulated for her graduation from the Municipal Government certificate program at Suffolk University. Gorman scheduled a Wednesday morning coffee and conversation session at the Town Hall Annex on Barnabas Roadconf room, purpose is to sit down for. Town Clerk Katrina Desroches, it was announced, has decided to return to work in public safety and is leaving at the end of the week, and Associate Assessor Linda Dessert is retiring effective July 17. Both

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jobs have been posted. Finally, Senator Kelly Dooner will hold her office hours Thursday in Marion at the Barnabas Room.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, at 6:00 pm at the Police Station Conference Room.

Pier Replacement Approved at Wings Cove

Marion Conservation Commission

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Conservation Commission met in the Marion Police Station on June 10 for two approvals of Certificates of Compliance, as well as a continued Public Hearing for pier alterations.

The commission began with their continued Public Hearing for a Notice of Intent submitted by Elizabeth H. O'Leary of 81 Cove Circle for the removal and replacement of a timber float. Matt Leone of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. represented the applicant, whose 4.13-acre property consists of a single-family home, detached garage, and pile-supported pier into Wings Cove (near Piney Point).

The proposed project would see the removal of an existing 12x24 foot, bottom-anchored timber float, as well as its connections, and replace this pier support with four 12-inch diameter timber piles driven into the sea floor, which will in turn support a new wooden float.

The representative stated the sea zone is mapped by MassWildlife's National Heritage and Endangered Species Program, which had indicated the work being proposed on the pier would not adversely affect the environment. Following no public comments, the Public Hearing was closed and work was approved.

Next, the commission voted on the approval of two Certificates of Compliance, one for 122 Register Road and one for 546 Point Road. Both were approved and granted.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Station's conference room.

Legal Advice Sought for Decision

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals opened its June 11 meeting with a petition regarding a new detached garage at 100 Ryder Road that required a telephone call to Town Counsel.

The applicant's representative Joseph Mardo explained homeowner Ashley Ohrenberger is seeking variances for a new garage measuring over 1,000 square feet and set 20 feet rather than the required 40 feet from side setback. It is a plan to replace an old garage. Board members seemed agreeable to the plan, except for one aspect of it.

The board noted a shed, pool house, and deck non-conforming to town zoning bylaws also sit on the property. They wondered aloud if these issues would complicate the variance the board would grant for the current project. Could the board condition that the applicant seeks variances for the non-conforming items be allowed? These questions led to a brief recess so Board Administrator Andreia Lacerda could telephone Town Counsel for the attorney's input. The attorney responded that the board, in fact, legally could include this condition in the variance permits. The board, as a result, unanimously granted the variances with the condition that the shed located in the leaching field in the western portion of the property be moved or demolished.

Next, the board approved a new Special Permit with amended conditions for a personal fitness

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training business at 12 Mayflower Lane, an operation that had received a trial-period permit in September when neighbors raised concerns about it. Owner Jorge Rodriguez said he was given a temporary permit nine months ago and would now like a permanent permit, and one with amendments. He said he wants to change his hours of operation from the current 8:00 am to 6:00 pm to a schedule adding one hour to both ends of the day, making it 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. He also asked to increase the limit of students in his classes from five to eight to help his business grow faster.

"Our goal is to get a large following and move out of the neighborhood," fellow coach Jessica Hurd said, urging the board to endorse the amendments. "None of his abutters are here to voice concerns," board member Dennis McCarthy said. "So, they must be running a tight ship."

After some hesitation, the board reasoned this would be a new permit and therefore the conditions can be amended. The ZBA unanimously approved the new permit with Rodriguez's requested amendments.

The zoning panel ended the meeting by approving a variance from the 40-foot side-setback requirement for a new 20x20-foot shed in the backyard at 324 High Street.

The Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals did not schedule its next meeting before adjourning.

Development Permit Extended

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals met on June 11 in the Marion Police Station for a single Public Hearing.

The hearing was for a Special Permit submitted by Joshua and Nicole D'Ambrosio of 8 Crapo Street. The couple sought approval for the proposed setback of a proposed new home. The demolition of the current home and construction of a new house on the property would have a front-yard setback of 35 feet. Representing the applicants was Bob Rogers of GAF Engineering, who referred to the project as a "tear-down, rebuild." The new home was described as a "typical Cape" style home.

There was no marked height for the new home, with the max height for a new building not requiring a Special Permit, standing 10% taller than the original 16 feet. If eventually the applicants' plans were to exceed that increase, they would need to resubmit another request. After a short discussion, the hearing was closed with a unanimous vote, and the permit for the new setback was approved.

There was then a discussion on the construction of the new housing development in the industrial area on Barnabas Road by Sippican Holding LLC. The ZBA had originally granted a Variance on the conversion of the building around a year ago, but as construction is ongoing, the developer requested a six-month extension. The current Variance would lapse on June 24, and work

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relies on the Variance to stay in effect. The board voted unanimously to grant the extension.

There was a short, informal discussion on reorganizing, but no action was taken and no roles were changed.

The next meeting of the Marion ZBA was not scheduled at adjournment.

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To the Editor,

Please vote "yes" for a new Old Colony Voc-Tech High School. My wife and I are both in our 70s, property owners in Mattapoisett and on a fixed income. My wife and I always want to see a bang for our tax-dollar buck. So, we are very interested in avoiding new tax debt for projects we deem to be costly and of dubious benefit to the town. Projects from town meetings or in this case a special election. This is not one of those projects.

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Last vote Mattapoisett approved the new school; it was a no brainer, but unfortunately for we taxpayers and future OC students the other towns did not.

The state is going to pay \$140,000,000 toward a new building, which will expand the shops and increase enrollment from 560 students to 776 students. Old Colony grads tend to stay in our communities and eventually become taxpayers. Each graduating class will be helping pay off the new school debt to the towns of \$148,000,000 when they become property owners. This school debt has an end date, and our taxes will go back down.

The old school is in terrible shape; shops are small and crowded and many have to be brought up to code. So, this does not mean a "no" vote saves us taxpayers



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money. On the other hand, we shall probably pay more over time for a patch job on the old building, without any state aid.

Old Colony grads have saved our towns thousands of tax dollars over the past decades, completing projects in all our towns. I have hired Old Colony grads for electrical work as well as auto repair and carpentry projects, and I bet many of you have as well.
Ray M Cabral, Mattapoisett

To the residents and voters in Mattapoisett,

Voters are once again being asked to decide on Saturday, June 20th, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Old Hammondtown School whether to approve construction of a new Old Colony Regional Vocational High School. Some may ask why the proposal has returned to the ballot. Last year, many voters across the Old Colony District did not fully understand what a failed vote would mean. If the measure is rejected, the state will require the current 50-year-old building to be brought up to code, and the district will have to pay for those repairs without state reimbursement. Those repairs, needed over the next decade simply to keep the building operating, are estimated to cost \$157 million. By contrast, the new school would cost the district \$148 million after state reimbursement, making it the least expensive option.

The school project has a calculator where you can enter your home value and see the difference between the

two options (<https://oldcolonybuildingproject.com/tax-impact-calculator>).

Only 13% of the registered voters in the 5 towns took part in the last election. Mattapoisett was the only town to vote in favor of the project.

The current building limits enrollment and restricts expansion of high-demand vocational programs such as Plumbing, HVAC & Dental Assistant. A new facility would allow Old Colony to continue preparing students for high-demand careers while meeting the needs of the communities they serve. Old Colony's current enrollment is 560 students; with a new build it would increase to 776 students.

New construction - After State reimbursement the District Cost will be \$148,572,618. Mattapoisett's share is approximately \$11 million.

Repair (No state reimbursement) - District cost over a decade long proposed project to avoid Building Code mandated immediate repairs cost would cost \$157 million. Mattapoisett's share is approximately \$11.6 million.

A modernized Level 1 vocational school that serves Mattapoisett enhances local property values. I hope that you can join me in supporting the Old Colony Building Project at the election on Jun 20th at Old Hammondtown school.

Respectfully yours,
Ray Andrews, Mattapoisett

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Academic Achievements

Springfield College has named **Rylee Kouta** from Mattapoisett to the Dean's List for academic excellence for the 2026 spring semester.

Sally Butler, of Mattapoisett, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from the College of Charleston.

The University of Hartford is pleased to announce that **Jay Carrillo** of Marion has been named to the University of Hartford's Dean's List and President's List for the spring 2026 semester.

College of Charleston congratulates **John Butler** of Mattapoisett and **Griffin Beaulieu** of Marion who were named to the President's List for Spring 2026.

Zoe Graizzaro, of Marion, was named to the College of Charleston Spring 2026 Dean's List. Graizzaro is majoring in Management.

Maggie Kuppens of Marion has graduated from American International College (AIC) with a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies.

Madeline Wright, of Mattapoisett was recently named to the College Sports Communicators (CSC) Division III Women's At-Large Academic All-District Team for Lacrosse.

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Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, June 22: Sausage w/ abruzzi sauce, bowtie pasta, Cali blend vegetables, wheat roll, cinnamon apples

Tuesday, June 23: Tomato bruschetta, chicken, mashed potatoes, green peas and peppers, wheat roll, chocolate pudding, diet: fruit

Wednesday, June 24: Hamburger, sweet potato wedges, Cali blend vegetable, wheat hamburger bun, blueberry bread, ketchup and mustard

Thursday, June 25: Herb crusted fish with lemon wedge, rice pilaf, mixed root vegetables, wheat roll, banana

Friday, June 26: Beef hot dog, whole wheat hot dog bun, orange, ketchup and mustard

Mattapoisett Yacht Club

The Tuesday Night Ensign Races were cancelled due to high winds. On Wednesday, the winds were strong but fine for the bigger PHRF fleet. In Class A, Kindred Spirits once again took honors over Restless. In third place was Surprise, followed by Dame and Coconuts. In the Class B fleet, Chickadee came in first, followed by Lindisfarne, Kinsail and Fir Na Tine.

On Friday, June 12 the Mattapoisett Fire Department and Harbormaster put on a boat demonstration at the MBY fuel dock. Also on **June 27** MYC will be holding a seminar called "Suddenly In Command." What happens when the captain can no longer operate the boat you are on. Details are on the MYC website on our social page.

Donation Days at the Elizabeth Taber Library

It's time to clean out your old books to make way for new ones.

The Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library are seeking donations on the following days for our huge upcoming summer book sale: Saturday, June 20, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm; Saturday, June 27, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm; Saturday, July 11, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm; Saturday, July 25, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm; and Saturday, August 1, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

We Accept Donations of: Gently used books of all subjects in resell-able condition, and we are especially happy to accept gently used children's books. Also accepted are complete Puzzles, Games, Craft Kits and Legos. Legos do not need to be complete kits; we will bag and resell in large lots for others to enjoy. Records, DVD's and CD's are also accepted.

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of our collection, please do not donate items that are tattered, moldy or water damaged. Please recycle these items. In addition, we are unable to accept textbooks and religious texts.

Donations will be accepted in the back parking lot of the Elizabeth Taber Library, 8 Spring Street, Marion. Proceeds of the upcoming Summer Book Sale benefit the ETL and its programs.

Mattapoisett Land Trust

The public is invited to join the Mattapoisett Land Trust in celebrating our new "All Access Path" at Grace Pond on Saturday, **June 20**, at 10:00 am. The Council on Aging will be providing a van to the event. MLT began design of the path in 2024 to provide access for people with mobility challenges. We completed the installation this past Spring. During the dedication of the path, we will honor and celebrate the memory of our friend Steven Bowman, who was instrumental in creating this beautiful preserve. Please come join us in celebrating the efforts of Steven and the land trust volunteers to make access to Grace Pond accessible to all. There will be guest speakers and light refreshments. The Grace Pond/Santos Farm preserve is part of the larger Old Aucoot District, which extends from Aucoot Road and Route 6 to Angelica Ave and Prospect Road over to Hollywoods Road. This event is free and open to the public. There is ample parking in the new parking lot near Grace Pond – continue past 15 Bowman Road to the parking area near Grace Pond. Email any questions to manager@mattlandtrust.org.

Declaration & Dialogue: Reflections on 250 Years

The deadline for entry to the MAC's juried show Declaration & Dialogue has been extended to **June 22**. The show will soft open on July 10th, with an artists' reception on Friday, July 17, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Early submissions include works by John Magnan, Keith Maddy, Gayle Wells Mandle, Nancy Dyer Mitton, Susan Gentile, and Peter Stone.

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Jodi Stevens, executive director at the MAC, stands behind the theme, "it's an important year in so many ways for the arts; highlighting contemporary artists at this time, while also reflecting on our history, is crucial. On a local level, the summer is a very busy time of the year at the MAC. We want to celebrate our community and engage in meaningful dialogue by sharing these different perspectives."

The show will run from July 10 through August 7. Information about the application process can be found at marionartcenter.org/events.

OBITUARIES



Anne V. Garvey, 89, of Dartmouth, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 8, 2026.

Born in Cambridge, daughter of the late Leo and Evelyn (Morin) Garvey, she lived in Woburn and Winchester most of her life.

Anne enjoyed art, golfing, socializing with her friends and traveling. She was a teacher in Woburn Public Schools for

many years.

Survivors include her siblings, Mary McLaughlin of Andover, and Richard Garvey and his wife Patricia of Rochester; as well as sister in law Joan Garvey of Winchester, Mass. She is survived by many nieces and nephews and untold number of friends. Most important members are Ryan and Liz Garvey along with great nephew Brayden and great niece Kendall of Rochester, Mass. They included her in a lot of social activities including pool time, boating, cookouts and of course Captain Bonney's for ice cream.

She is predeceased by her parents; and her siblings Jean, Leo, Jack, and Patricia.

A private family burial will be held in Wildwood Cemetery, Winchester in the future. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com



Deborah Anne Cook, June 15, 1959 – May 17, 2026

Deborah was born in Saint Alban's, Vermont. She moved to Amherst, New Hampshire at a young age, where she attended grade school. She was an athletic child, swimming on the Jasper Valley Swim & Tennis Club's swim team and playing tennis for Milford High School, where she graduated in 1977. She went on to graduate from Plymouth State College with a degree in art.

Deb also spent her youth and adult life at her family's cottage on Point Connett in Mattapoisett, MA, where she enjoyed the ocean.

Deb had a love for animals, and all were drawn to her. Wherever she lived, she always had a special cat or two to

love and cherish. They were one of her great joys. She was an avid reader and spent many an hour curled up with a cat and a book.

Deb had a gentle soul and a wanderlust. Shortly after graduating college, she decided to go west. She drove a 1961 Buick Special from New Hampshire to California. She ended up in Los Angeles, where she lived from 1977 to 1999. There she worked as a graphic design artist and painted on her own. She started painting ceramics. She found it very satisfying and turned it into her own business. Her specialty was very vibrant-colored sunflowers, birds, and fish.

Eventually, Deb came back east. She lived in New Bedford, MA for a while, moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico for a few years, and lived the last part of her life in Belfast, Maine. She loved the ocean, and other than her short time in Santa Fe, she always lived near it.

Deb was stricken with Frontal Lobe Dementia a couple of years ago. The disease took away most of her abilities; first her speech, then her body. She died at her brother's home in Lisbon, NH with grace and ease. Her beautiful and infectious smile was with her to the end.

Deb was predeceased by her parents, Carleton Everett Cook and Nancy McLean Cook. She is survived by her sister Cathy Gibbons (Sean) of Newport, NH, brother Robert Cook (Katrine Barclay) of Lisbon, NH, her niece Katie McCarthy (Eric Brown) of Claremont, NH, Aunt Janet Zetterberg, of Dover, NH, Aunt and Uncle, Arthur and Alberta McClean of Mattapoisett, MA, and cousins Jennifer Kaiser (David) of Mattapoisett, MA, and Sarah McLean Loomis (Jason) of Sarasota, FL.

If you would like to do something in memory of Deb, put down your devices and shut off the TV. Draw, color, or paint on paper, wood, rocks, or an old door in the shed using a pencil, crayons, or paints. Create a sunflower in Deb's memory; enjoy the moment. It's FUN!

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

MLT Blanche B. Perry Scholarship

The Mattapoisett Land Trust announced that Linden White has been awarded its 2026 Blanche B. Perry Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a Mattapoisett senior planning to pursue environmental studies in a four-year university program.

Linden will begin studies in Ocean Engineering this fall at the University of New Hampshire. He says he has been drawn to this field "because of my personal experience with the bike path and the coastal environment of Mattapoisett." His ambition is to create systems that encourage sustainable interactions with coastal environments.

Linden has been active locally on Mattapoisett's Pedestrian Committee, Friends of the Rail Trail, and the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD). Sponsored by the Mattapoisett American Legion Post, Linden represented the town at Boys State, a program to introduce high school leaders to local and state government and civic engagement. Through it all, Linden has been a passionate advocate for the coastal environment. In addition, for several years he has volunteered with Tour de Creme and the Mattapoisett Fourth of July Road Race. A lead baritone saxophone player in the Old Rochester Jazz Band, Linden received the Massachusetts Association for Jazz Education Individual Award for performance at the Cape Cod Coastal Jazz Festival.

MLT's Blanche B. Perry Scholarship is made available through the Edith Glick Shoolman Fund, a bequest left to provide support to children in the community.

Scrumptious Summer Lobster Roll & Bake Sale

The First Congregational Church of Marion announces that its Summer Lobster Roll and Bake Sale is coming soon. This fundraising event takes place on Saturday, **July 11**, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in front of Penny Pinchers Exchange at 39 Main Street, Marion.

Delicious Lobster Rolls, at \$27 each, will be limited, so to ensure availability you are strongly encouraged to preorder (no more than 10 per person) and pay at the Church Office, 144 Front Street, Marion, Tuesday-Friday from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm (508-748-1053) or at Penny Pinchers Exchange, 39 Main Street, Marion, Wednesday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The deadline for pre-orders will be July 5 or while supplies last. We do accept cash, credit cards and checks. You can also order and pay online on the Church Website at www.marionfirstchurch.org.

Our Bake Sale is filled with yummy desserts, homemade pies, cakes, cookies, candy and more from the church's best cooks. Stop by to get a delicious dessert to top off your Lobster Roll lunch or get some treats to take home to enjoy later.

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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



The Marion Council on Aging sponsored a Chicken Bake held at the Marion Social Club this past week. Photos by Robert Pina



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The Marion Natural History Museum's Drawing from nature program had a wonderful time drawing with the nature journal group at Washburn Park. Beautiful weather, gorgeous scenery and such a fun group of people! Thanks go to Tricia for sharing her expertise with our museum. Photos courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

open and air conditioned, offering comfortable seating for enjoying lobster rolls and cold drinks.

Also, the air-conditioned Penny Pinchers Exchange will be open during the sale and is cooking up a few surprises for the special day. Come shop for clothes, household goods, and many other special finds. This is the area's best place to find amazing prices and selection.

Come support The First Congregational Church of Marion. Savor a luscious lobster roll, explore great bargains at Penny Pinchers Exchange, and take home some delicious baked goods. All are welcome. For more information, please contact the church office at 508-748-1053 or visit the church website at: www.marionfirstchurch.org.

Parking is available at the Island Wharf public lot (Front Street across from the Music Hall) and on streets surrounding Penny Pinchers Exchange. Come one, come all.

ORRHS Student Designs Mattapoissett Land Trust Sticker

The design for the new Mattapoissett Land Trust (MLT) sticker is a circular collage with four panels containing scenic images of nature, a sunset and a recycling bin. The sticker contains the words "Stewardship," "Education," and "Preservation."

The artist behind this new sticker, which will be used to promote the local conservation group, is an Old Rochester Regional High School student.

Old Rochester Regional (ORR) School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Principal Michael Devoll are proud to share that the winner of the MLT Sticker Design Contest is visual arts student Grace Victoria.

Grace's design will now be produced as an official MLT promotional sticker.

Representatives from MLT visited Old Rochester Regional High School's Visual Design class on June 2 to recognize students for their submissions to the MLT Sticker Design Contest.

Under the guidance of art teacher Kate Butler, students in Visual Design and Art 2 classes were challenged to create original sticker designs that reflected the MLT's core values of education, stewardship and

preservation.

"The project provided students with an opportunity to apply their design skills to a real-world challenge while supporting a local organization dedicated to conserving and protecting Mattapoissett's natural resources," said Butler.

The students' contest entries were then displayed throughout May at the Mattapoissett Public Library, where members of MLT reviewed the sticker designs and voted for a winner.

During their classroom visit, MLT representatives Wendy Copps, Mary Cabral, and Sarah Stoner announced the results of the MLT Sticker Design Contest and presented awards.

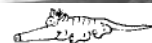
In addition to Grace Victoria winning the contest, Annalise Millenche was recognized as runner-up. Both students received gift cards donated by local businesses, including Uncle Jon's Coffees, Eden Coffee and Bakery, Fieldstone Farm Market, Shipyard Galley and Nick's Pizza, along with embroidered MLT baseball caps.

"This contest gave students an opportunity to apply their artistic talents in a meaningful way, while connecting with an organization that plays an important role in our community," said Principal Devoll. "We are proud of Grace, Annalise and all of the students who participated. Their creativity and hard work were on full display throughout this project."

"This contest was a great way to challenge our

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Thursday June 18, 2026

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7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Dyer Family
9:30 AM Mattapoisett Woman's Club Speaker Series - Jack Matthews
10:00 AM Marion Art Center - The Attorney-In-Fact
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - The Revolutionary Temper
4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
8:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Understanding Salt Marsh Ecology
8:30 PM Marion Art Center - Collective Sightings Exhibition
9:00 PM Tour de Creme
9:30 PM Four Deep Sports Talk
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday June 19, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Southcoast Matters
11:00 AM Marion Art Center -

Collective Sightings Exhibition
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Marion Art Center - An Hour with Eleanor
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
3:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
6:15 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Dyer Family
5:00 PM ORR Baseball vs New Bedford
6:15 PM ORR Softball vs Bishop Stang
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM A Conversation With...
9:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
10:00 PM For Your Health
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday June 20, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
7:00 AM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
2:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:00 PM Marion Art Center - The Attorney-In-Fact
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Understanding Salt Marsh Ecology
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
8:30 PM Paltrowitz - with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 PM A Conversation with...
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:30 PM Gay USA

11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday June 21, 2026

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:00 PM Miss New Bedford
4:30 PM Marion Art Center - The Attorney-In-Fact
6:00 PM Old Colony Graduation
7:00 PM ORR Graduation
8:30 PM Tabor Academy Commencement
10:30 PM ORR Promenade
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday June 22, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:30 AM Miss New Bedford
11:00 AM For Your Health
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters
2:30 PM Modernizing Funding for Public Access
3:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
4:30 PM The Human Truth

5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
6:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
7:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Marconi Building
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Old Growth Forests of Massachusetts
9:30 PM The Collective Chat
10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
10:30 PM AMC Outdoor Journey Fund
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday June 23, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
10:30 AM The Collective Chat
11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
3:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:30 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs!
6:00 PM Marion Art Center - Unplugged
8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report
8:30 PM Pete on the Street
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday June 24, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In

Good Shape
8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
10:30 AM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
1:30 PM Money Matters
2:00 PM A Conversation With...
3:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
3:30 PM The Mattapoisett Rail Trail
4:00 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
4:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
5:00 PM Marion Art Center
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Pete on the Street
6:30 PM World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
8:30 PM Teach your Home Energy Costs! With David Green
9:45 PM Mattapoisett Women's Club Speaker Series - Kathryn Tarleton
10:30 PM Classic Movies

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8:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
9:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
10:00 AM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
11:30 AM Marion Board of Health
1:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
3:00 PM Marion School Committee
4:30 PM Marion Planning Board
7:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
8:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen

9:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission
10:30 PM Marion Planning Board

ROCHESTER

GOVERNMENT

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7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
10:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
10:30 AM Rochester School Committee
12:00 PM Old Colony Building Project Update
12:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
3:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
5:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
6:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
8:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
8:30 PM Rochester School Committee
10:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee

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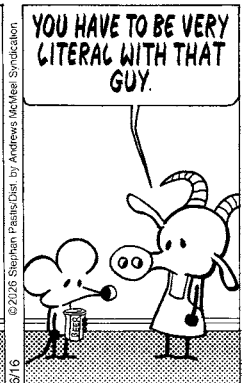
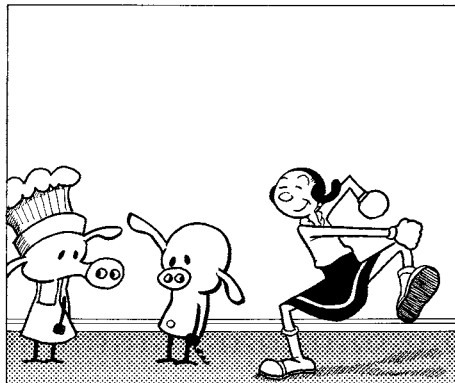
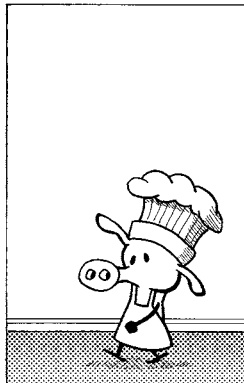
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
9:00 AM Bulldog Sports
9:30 AM RMS Spring Concert
10:30 AM Old Colony Industry Signing Day
11:30 AM Bulldog Weekly
2:00 PM Bulldog Sports
2:30 PM Old Colony Senior Awards Night
4:00 PM Tabor Academy Commencement
6:00 PM Old Colony Graduation
7:00 PM ORR Theater Class
8:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
10:30 PM ORR Boys Baseball vs New Bedford

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



students to channel their creativity to serve a community partner that's focused on protecting our natural resources and educating our community on this issue," said Superintendent Nelson. "Projects like this help students understand how their artistic skills can be used beyond the classroom and have a positive impact in the community. Congratulations to Grace and Annalise on the well-deserved recognition, along with all of our students who contributed outstanding designs."

Filmmakers to Document the Legacy of Nolan Gibbons

Documentary filmmakers from Los Angeles will travel to Marion later this month to attend and film the 6th Annual NolanFest, a free community music festival honoring the life and legacy of local performer Nolan Gibbons. The event will take place on Saturday, **June 27**, from 4:00–9:00 p.m. at Silvershell Beach in Marion, Massachusetts.

The filmmakers are producing a documentary that tells the story of Nolan Gibbons' life, talent, and lasting impact. The film will explore not only Nolan's journey as a young musician, songwriter, and performer, but also how his legacy inspired the creation of The Nolan Gibbons Memorial Fund, which has awarded more than \$60,000 to over 45 emerging artists across the United States and internationally.

Founded in memory of Marion resident and musician Nolan Gibbons, NolanFest has grown into a beloved annual celebration of music, theater, visual arts, and community. The event brings together performers, artists, families, and supporters while raising funds to help young artists pursue their creative goals.

This year's festival will feature performances by the nationally recognized a cappella group Hyannis Sound, The Bradley Playhouse, The Showstoppers, The New Bedford Festival Theatre, Break-a-Leg Theatreworks, South Shore Conservatory, Saint James and the Heretics, scholarship and grant recipients of The Nolan Gibbons Memorial Fund, and other talented artists from across the region. Attendees can also enjoy food vendors, artisan booths, family-friendly activities, raffles including the popular Ride to School of Norman the Marion Police Dog, and more.

"We are grateful that the filmmakers were drawn not only to Nolan's story, but also to the impact his life continues to have on others," said Sheila Gibbons, President of The Nolan Gibbons Memorial Fund. "Through the Fund, we are able to support and celebrate artists as they pursue their dreams, continuing the spirit of creativity, connection, and encouragement that Nolan embodied. Nolanfest allows us to celebrate the things he loved most while bringing people together each year through our shared love of the performing arts."

NolanFest is free and open to the public.

Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets and are invited to make a donation to support the Fund's mission. Volunteer opportunities are also available for individuals, families, and students seeking community service hours.

For event updates, performer announcements, sponsorship opportunities, and volunteer information, visit www.nolangibbons.org or follow The Nolan Gibbons Memorial Fund on Facebook and Instagram.

Local Teen to Compete for the Title of Miss Massachusetts' Teen 2026

The 2026 Miss Massachusetts' Teen Competition will be held at the Hanover Theatre in Worcester on Thursday, **June 18** at 7:00 p.m. Among those vying to be the 21st Miss Massachusetts' Teen Bree LaFavor, a rising junior at Old Rochester Regional High School.

16-year-old LaFavor holds the title of Miss Somerset's Teen. She is the daughter of Daniel and Julie LaFavor and will be singing for the talent phase of competition. Her Community Service Initiative is titled "S.W.I.M.: Swim With Insightful Means."

Miss Massachusetts' Teen Ava Dooley is a graduate of 2025 graduate of Shrewsbury High School and is now a student at Louisiana State University majoring in Marketing with a minor in Fashion Merchandising. Dooley spent the last year making appearances around the Commonwealth as well as promoting her Community Service Initiative titled "Choreograph Your Future: Helping the Next Generation Find Their Path."

"Being able to represent Massachusetts for the last year has been an honor," said Dooley. "The skills I gained through this opportunity will stay with me for the rest of my life. I hope the work I've done has made an impact and inspired other young women to find success in this organization."

The field of 17 contestants includes young women from diverse backgrounds who represent every corner of the Bay State.

"We are excited to return to Worcester and the beautiful Hanover Theater for what is sure to be another spectacular competition," said Miss Massachusetts' Teen Executive Director Rocky Graziano. "One young woman is in for the year of a lifetime and will join a special sisterhood which includes women who are still making a difference in their communities. We also thank Ava for being a wonderful representative of our organization for the last year."

The next Miss Massachusetts' Teen will earn a \$3,000 scholarship as well as a full-tuition scholarship to three universities. She will also compete at the Miss America's Teen competition in September in Palm Beach, Florida.



MOVIE REVIEW

Master Pieces

By Rob Gonsalves
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Disclosure Day. Starring Emily Blunt and Josh O'Connor. Directed by Steven Spielberg. Running time: 145 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now playing in theaters.

Disclosure Day may be Steven Spielberg's greatest alien hits, but I didn't mind his playing the hits again; they were hits for a reason. Spielberg is 79, and his longtime composer John Williams, who again collaborates here, is 94, and they both perform like old masters, which indeed they are. Williams hauls out his deep, menacing tones, and Spielberg — directing a script by David Koepp — keeps everything on the screen in smooth movement while always grounding the action so we can see and understand what's happening.

And yet I was reminded of John Peel's old line about Aretha Franklin's poppy duet with George Michael. Peel observed, after the song was over, "You know, Aretha Franklin can make any old rubbish sound good, and I think she just has." Well ... Spielberg and Williams can't quite make *any* old rubbish sound good, but they've done that here. *Disclosure Day* eventually becomes a paranoid chase thriller with some pull-out-the-stops set pieces, and nobody except maybe James Cameron can touch them at that game. It's the story that occasions a saddening shrug.

Daniel Kellner (Josh O'Connor), who worked cybersecurity, has discovered the existence of aliens and tons of evidence that they've come (or crashed) here. He's on the run with the relevant files, with saturnine secret commander Noah Scanlon (Colin Firth), who runs the extraterrestrial wing Wardex, on his trail. Noah also has a device that enables him to establish psychic links with people remotely. Apparently unrelated, Margaret Fairchild (Emily Blunt) is getting ready to deliver a live meteorological forecast when she begins communicating in clicks. She's whisked off for an MRI, but Daniel hears her clicks as English.

Daniel and Margaret are trapped in a car that gets rammed into a passing train, which picks up the car and goes hurtling along towards a train passing the other way, which will surely smash the car and



its passengers into pieces. Spielberg does this kind of cruelly drawn-out yet bracingly tense sequence better than anyone; there are some car chases that just about match it. Yet none of that has much to do with the movie's premise, which is that Earth is going to be presented with evidence that's going to make a whole lot of people freak out. Or so Noah says. There's another higher-up, Hugo Wakefield (Colman Domingo), who has defected from Wardex and gives Daniel and Margaret support. Hugo thinks this information belongs to everyone. This debate doesn't seem terribly urgent, especially since we appear to be on the brink of World War III.

The concept of humanity being pulled back from self-extinction by evidence of aliens is not a new one; Cameron's *The Abyss* ran with it, as did the *Outer Limits* episode "The Architects of Fear" (which inspired Alan Moore's *Watchmen*). Spielberg expends an awful lot of energy on keeping things moving, but the question of how exactly Earthlings would react to aliens among them is unanswered and the drama associated with it undercooked. *Disclosure Day* feels like the pilot episode for a more interesting streaming series that does grapple with these issues. As it is, we don't know if we would simply be distracted by the next news cycle, or if indeed alien presence *would* put an end to a war boiling over.

Spielberg clearly hopes it does. In the past 30 years or so, he has left us with little bits of wisdom. Life finds a way. The list is life. Give us free. Earn this. Here he closes with one word that, in these bifurcated times, doesn't really address the problem. And we can feel that it's supposed to be relevant and helpful, but it just comes off as anticlimactic. But, man, do Spielberg and Williams use the hammer of the gods on this slight story, showing us why they've been on top of their fields for over half a century now. I'd say see it for them (and the actors, especially Blunt and Firth) and let other people re-invent the narrative wheel.

Marion Seeks Input to Help Shape Future of Harbor and Waterways

The Town of Marion is inviting residents, boaters, waterfront property owners, business owners, fishermen and visitors to help shape the future of the community's harbor and waterways by participating in a public survey as part of the Marion Harbor Management Plan.

The Town is currently developing a community-driven Harbor Management Plan that will establish a long-term vision for Marion's harbors and waterways. The plan will address a wide range of issues, including boating, navigation and public safety, waterfront infrastructure and services, commercial and recreational fishing, natural resources and water quality and coastal resilience.

The Harbor Management Plan is being funded through a \$150,000 grant awarded to the Town of Marion through the Massachusetts Seaport Economic Council. The grant allows the Town to undertake the planning process at no cost to local taxpayers while developing a roadmap for the future management of Marion's harbor and waterfront resources.

Community input is a critical component of the planning process. Following a well-attended public meeting held on April 28, the Town has launched a public survey to gather additional feedback from residents and stakeholders about existing challenges, priorities, and opportunities for improvement along Marion's



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waterfront.

"We encourage everyone who uses, enjoys or depends on Marion's harbor and waterways to take a few minutes to complete the survey," said Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman. "Whether you are a year-round resident, seasonal resident, boater, fisherman, waterfront business owner or simply someone who enjoys spending time on the water, your input will help guide the future of one of Marion's most important community assets."

The Town is partnering with the Urban Harbors Institute at UMass Boston to develop the Harbor Management Plan. The Urban Harbors Institute is an applied research institute within UMass Boston's School

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56 Sitting on — the world
57 Love, in Paris
58 "ER" actor
59 Prefix with cycle or state
60 "This pleases me!"
61 Cleaned a little, with "up"
62 Texas or Ukraine city
63 Owned (up)
70 Actress West
71 Genuine, in Germany
72 Of a similar kind to
75 Rustling sounds
80 Place to live
81 Tech. schools
82 Channel for hoops fans
83 Zeus' wife
87 Elongate
88 Hymn with harmonies
89 Poltergeist, e.g.
90 "Evidently ..."

- 91 Oompah band music
92 Coin-op cafeteria
93 Bus. bigwig
94 Letter after upsilon
96 Reactions to cute babies
98 Maude's partner in a 1971 film
99 Intrusive plant
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101 Edmund Spenser's "The — Queene"
102 More hideous
103 Los Angeles hoops team
108 "Terrible" time for tots
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117 Climbing vine
118 Pointer
119 Lofty poem
120 Diner sandwich, for short

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Things that usually come easily and quickly for the ARIES Lamb might need more of your time and attention during the next several days. Try to be patient as you work things out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A changing situation can create some complications. But if you apply your sensible Bovine mind to what seems to be a hopeless tangle of confusion, you'll soon sort things out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Creating a new look for your surroundings is fun. Expect to hear mostly positive comments on your efforts, as well as some well-intended suggestions that you might want to note.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Maybe you'd rather do anything else than what you're "stuck with" right now. But if you stop complaining, you might see how this could lead to something with real potential.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Even a proud LEO ultimately recovers from hurt feelings. However, a damaged relationship might never heal unless you're willing to spend more time and effort in trying to work things out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There are lots of changes on the horizon, so be prepared to make some adjustments in your usually fine-tuned life. One change might even impact a personal decision that you've been putting off.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Being the dependable person you are could work in your favor for a project that requires both skill and accountability. But check this out carefully -- there could be a hidden downside.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A temperamental outburst about a mishandled project causes some fallout. Be sure to couple an apology with an explanation. A new opportunity beckons by week's end.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Changing horses midstream is usually unwise -- but sometimes necessary. Examine your options carefully before making a decision. A trusted colleague offers good advice.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While much of your time is involved with business matters, more enjoyable opportunities open up by week's end. Enjoy yourself, but be careful that you don't overspend!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A "revelation" expands your perspective on what is really going on in the workplace. What you learn could make a difference in your career path. Continue to be alert for more news.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Not wanting to make waves might be the safest way to deal with a difficult situation. But no substantive changes can be made unless you share your assessments with others.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of talking to people that makes them want to listen. You could find a successful career in politics.

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for the Environment that works with coastal communities to promote sustainable natural resources and thriving waterfronts through research, planning, public engagement, and education.

Survey responses will help identify community priorities and inform recommendations that will guide future decisions related to harbor operations, waterfront access, environmental stewardship, infrastructure investments and long-term resilience planning.

Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to complete the survey here by June 26.

For more information about the Marion Harbor Management Plan, visit the Urban Harbors Institute project page at Urban Harbors Institute Current Projects Page.

Anyone with questions can contact Shannon Hogan at Urban Harbors Institute by emailing Shannon.Hogan@umb.edu.

Heroes Cup Returns to Marion

As America prepares to celebrate Independence Day and the nation's 250th birthday, players from across New England will gather at Sippican Tennis Club for a tennis tournament that combines competitive sport with support for local veterans and military families.

The 2026 Heroes Cup, scheduled for **June 27-29** at Sippican Tennis Club in Marion, Massachusetts, is a fully verified UTR (Universal Tennis Rating) event and an

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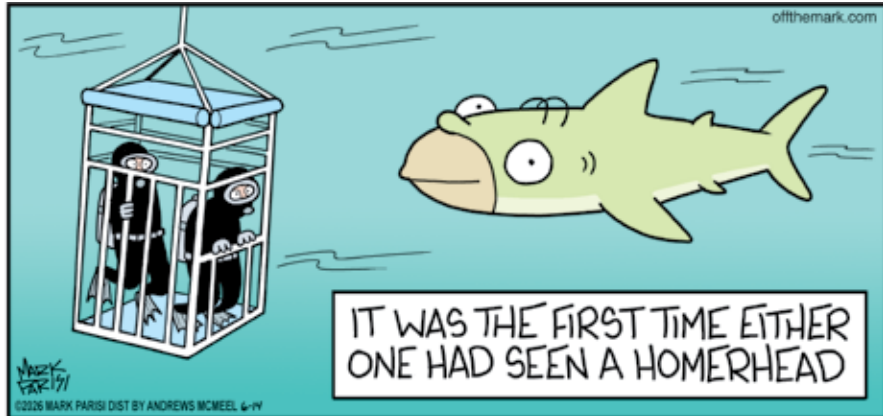
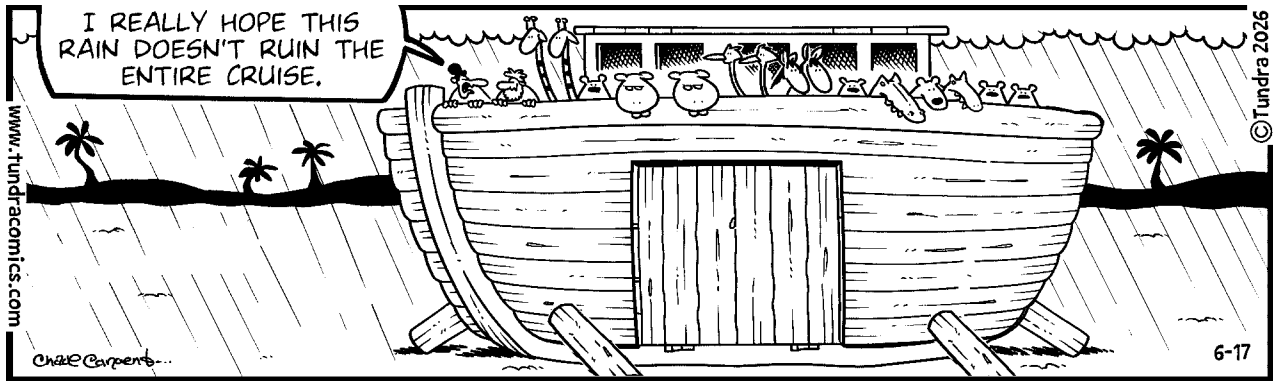
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official stop on the national BTB Heroes Tour presented by BeyondTheBaselines.com in partnership with UTR.

This year's event features a \$5,000 prize purse – double the amount offered in 2025 – and expands its adult competition by adding Men's and Women's Open Doubles divisions alongside the established Open Singles events for both juniors and adults.

Most importantly, proceeds from the tournament will benefit Heroes in Transition, Inc., a Massachusetts-based nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting veterans, service members and military families through programs focused on health, wellness and community support.

"We are proud to have grown this tournament over the past five years to such a level where we can give at least half of what we offer in prize money back to local veterans," said Ed Shanaphy, Tournament Director and founder of the BTB Heroes Tour. "As we approach Independence Day and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States, it feels especially meaningful to host an event that honors those who have served our country while bringing together players from across New England in competition."

"The pride, commitment to excellence, and community spirit involved in making the Heroes Cup Tournament so impactful aligns directly with the values of Heroes In Transition," said HIT Executive Director Silene Gordon. "We are grateful to be named as the beneficiary of the 2026 event and are grateful to Director Ed Shanaphy and the members of the Sippican Tennis Club for this meaningful support of our military community."

The Heroes Cup is unique within amateur tennis, serving as the only national tournament series specifically designed to support local veterans and military families through grassroots charitable organizations in each host community.

Tournament divisions include:

- Men's Open Singles
- Women's Open Singles
- Men's Open Doubles
- Women's Open Doubles



-Boys UTR Level-Based Under 6 Division

-Girls UTR Level-Based Under 6 Division

Players of all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate. Every entrant is guaranteed two full matches through the tournament's draw structure and will receive an official tournament shirt.

The addition of UTR level-based junior divisions ensures competitive and evenly matched play while providing young athletes with valuable verified-match experience. The BTB Heroes Tour takes pride in bringing adult and junior draws under one tournament umbrella at each tour stop.

The Heroes Cup has become one of the premier summer tennis events on the South Coast and Cape Cod region, drawing competitors from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont and beyond. Tournament organizers expect the largest field in event history, perhaps over 150 players, as the BTB Heroes Tour continues its national expansion.

"The BTB Heroes Tour was built on the belief that tennis can make a meaningful impact beyond the court," Shanaphy added. "Every entry fee helps support local military families and veterans while giving players a first-class competitive experience."

Spectators are encouraged to attend throughout the tournament weekend. A suggested \$10 donation will be collected at the event, with 100 percent of spectator donations benefiting Heroes in Transition, Inc. and its

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TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Application for Transfer of All Alcohol, Off-Premises License Felder Farms LLC, d/b/a Marion General Store The Marion Select Board, acting as licensing authority, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Police Department Conference Room, 550 Mill Street, Marion, on the application of the Felder Farms LLC, d/b/a Marion General Store, for the transfer of an all-alcohol off premises license from Marion General Store, Inc., 140 Front Street. John W. Hoagland, Chair 6/11, 6/18 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT ORRS PUBLIC NOTICE The Old Rochester Regional School District invites sealed proposals from qualified vendors for the removal and replacement of four (4) groups of telescoping indoor bleachers and (1) one group of portable telescoping bleachers in the Old Rochester High School gymnasium. RFP Documents will be available in person at the Old Rochester Regional School District Central Office, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 from Wednesday 17 June 2026 Monday-Friday 8 am-3 pm until 10:00 am on July 10, 2026. 6/18	TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street Also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option). For remote access to this meeting please contact Jenna Riewer at jriewer@marionma.gov during regular business hours. The meetings are televised and video recorded by Old Rochester Community Television (ORCTV). The meetings are live streamed on ORCTV. The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on July 6, 2026, at 7:00 pm to consider the request of Sippican Holdings, LLC, for an application for Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 230-9.1 of the Code of the Town of Marion for proposed additions to existing facility. The property is located at 14 Barnabas Road, Marion, MA 02738 and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Map 24, Lot 44, Zoning District LI. The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text at the Town House Annex, 14 Barnabas Road, Office of the Planning Board, or Town Clerk during normal business hours. Sean Sweeney, Chair Ann Morgan, Vice Chair 6/18, 6/25	off the mark by Mark Parisi 

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights June 7 – June 13

- Main St – Missing person
- Maple Ave – Disturbance
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Front St – Waterways complaint
- Point Rd – General service
- Spring St – Suspicious activity
- Village Dr – General service
- Front St – Found property
- Spring St – Follow up investigation
- County Rd – Health/welfare
- Delano Rd – Health/welfare
- Delano Rd – General services
- Washburn St – General service
- Spring St – Road hazard
- Delano Rd – Smoke investigation
- 195 West – MV complaint
- Joanne Dr – Suspicious MV
- Dexter Rd – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – Health/welfare
- Mill St – MV collision
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Spring St – Animal complaint
- Spinnaker Ln – General service
- Mill St – Animal complaint
- Lady Slipper Ln – Officer wanted
- Front St – Suspicious MV

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights June 7 – June 13

- Brant Beach Ave – General services
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Fairhaven Rd – Ambulance request
- Railroad Ave – Parking complaint
- County Rd – MV crash
- Water St – Suspicious MV
- Riverside Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Tara Rd – 911 call
- North St – MV crash
- Laura Ln – Animal control
- Pearl St – MV lockout
- Lebaron Way – Ambulance request
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Goodspeed Island – General service
- Harbor – Harbormaster emergency
- Sagamore Rd – Animal control
- Marina Dr – Disturbance
- Juniper St – Assist citizen
- North St – MV violations
- Marion Rd – Health/welfare
- Boat Rock Rd – 911 call
- Water St – 911 call
- Abby Ln – Health/welfare
- Town Wharf – Suspicious persons
- North St – MV collision
- 195 East – Animal control
- Water St – Parking violation
- Water St – Complaint
- Pine Island Rd – Health/welfare

ROCHESTER

Log highlights June 7 – June 13

- Forbes Rd – Lost animal
- Rounseville Rd – Medical alarm
- Williams Way – General services
- Old Farm Ln – Outside fire
- Quaker Ln – Follow up
- Morse Ct – Lost animal
- County Rd – MV collision
- Hartley Rd – General services
- Rounseville Rd – Medical alarm
- Stevens Rd – General services
- New Bedford Rd – Suspicious activity
- Alley Rd – Disturbance
- Edwards Ln – Animal control
- North Ave – B&E
- Neck Rd – Animal control
- Clapp Rd – MV collision
- Burgess Ave – 911 call
- Rounseville Rd – Follow up
- North Ave – Assault
- Snipatuit Rd – General services
- Marys Pond Rd – Well-being check
- North Ave – Well-being check
- County Rd – MV collision
- North Ave – Medical
- North Ave – Threats
- Rounseville Rd – Medical
- Snipatuit Rd – Suspicious activity
- Alley Rd – Animal control
- Braley Hill Rd – Assist other agency

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

mission of supporting veterans, service members and military families throughout Massachusetts and New England.

Mattapoissett Road Race

July 4th will be here soon, so get ready to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States by running the Mattapoissett Road Race, "4 on the 4th." When this tradition was started in 1971 by Bob and Doris Gardner, 15 runners raced from Point Connett to Shipyard Park. Over the years, the route has changed a few times, and now, over 1,000 runners start at Shipyard Park, run through the village, around Ned's Point lighthouse, and finish at Shipyard Park. Townspeople line the course and cheer on the runners.

Registration for the race is online only, up until 8:30 am on July 4. A record number of runners are predicted this year, so sign up early to ensure that you'll get an awesome T-shirt. Until July 1, the registration fee is \$25; on July 2, 3 and 4, it is \$35. T-shirt and number pickup is from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on July 3 and from 7:30 am to 8:30 am on July 4. Runners are strongly urged to pick up their shirts and numbers on July 3 to avoid long lines on the morning of the race. For more information and registration, please visit mattapoissettroadrace.com.

Adult & Teen Events at the Mattapoissett Library

The library is hosting two living history programs this month. Register for a Quill & Ink Program with Martha Washington on **June 23** at 2:00 pm and try your hand at quill & ink writing. You can also see Abigail Adams on **June 24** at 5:30 pm to hear the story of the Adams family during the revolution – no registration required.

A new Picnic Book Club will begin on **June 26** at 10:00 am on the library lawn. The group will enjoy a literary conversation, snacks, and beverages (feel free to bring your own snacks if you wish). Bring any book that you are currently reading and come ready to discuss it. This group will meet monthly on the last Friday of the month, throughout summer. Please make sure to

register to reserve your spot. Email bdumais@sailsinc.org with any questions, or if you have any allergies/dietary restrictions.

Join professional calligrapher Debby Reelitz for a hands-on program on **June 30** at 6:30 pm. Learn about the calligraphy style used by the Founding Fathers and then try it for yourself. Register on our website to reserve your spot.

Get ready for an evening with acclaimed author Eric Jay Dolin on **July 1** at 5:30 pm. Eric will discuss his 2022 publication, "Rebels at Sea: Privateering in the American Revolution," followed by a Q&A with attendees. Use the library catalog or call the library directly to place a hold on one of his books. No registration required. This program is supported by a grant from the Mattapoissett Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Experienced CFO and author of the Harry Bartlett mystery series Robert Ainsworth is visiting the library on **July 3** at 11:00 am. Learn about the history's swindlers, from Ancient Greece to today. No registration required.

Calling all writers. Come to MFPL for a new Writing Group, meeting on **July 7** at 5:00 pm. The group will do a combination of brief writing exercises, progress check-ins, out-loud readings of work, peer reviews, and silent writing. No registration required.

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how to use it? Bring your sewing machine to the library for a Beginner's Sewing Class on Saturday, **July 11**, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This class is open to adults, young adults, and children accompanied by an adult. Registration required.

Jeff Belanger will visit MFPL for a motivational talk on "Turning Passion into Your Profession" on **July 14** at 6:00 pm. For the last two decades, Jeff Belanger has earned his living doing what he loves: chasing stories, publishing books, producing television programs, podcasting, and public speaking. This motivational talk helps lay out a road map to self-employment or building a side hustle for almost any type of job. No registration required.

As always, our programs and events are free and open to everyone. For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, online at www.mattapoissettlibrary.org, or call the library at (508) 758-4171.

Children's Department Events at the Mattapoissett Library

Our Kids' Summer Reading Program officially starts on **June 23**, so be sure to come down and sign up. All of our summer reading events are free and open to the public, so you don't need to register for the Kids' Summer Reading Program to attend, but you must register to be eligible for prizes.

On Tuesday, **June 23**, Pine Meadow Farms will be coming to the library for a Petting Zoo to kick off our 2026 Kids' Summer Reading Program. This event starts at 10:30 am, so make sure you get here with plenty of time to park, check in, and get settled. Registration is highly recommended. Not only will this give us an idea of how many folks are coming, but this also allows your friendly neighborhood children's librarian to contact participants directly.

We're trying out a new program this summer. Puzzle Races. Compete against other families for the coveted title of puzzle champions. Registration is required. We only have space for four teams, so when registering, please only register one person (we will reach out for the names of everyone on your team later). Teams can be 2-6 people, ages 6 and up.

On Thursday, **June 25**, at 1:00 pm, kids can come unleash their inner Picasso. They will craft a charming little flowerpot, plant a seed, and watch their green masterpiece bloom. All ages welcome. Registration is required.

Our Summer Storytime Sessions will be starting with Family Storytime on Thursday, June 25, and Baby Storytime on Friday, June 26, both at 10:30 am. Family Storytime will be taking place at Munro Preserve, just down the street from the library. In the event of rain, we will simply meet at the library.

On Saturday, **June 27**, at 11:00 am, children ages

6 and up can create a Pirate Costume, make a Pirate Flag, play Pirate Games, learn navigation skills, and more. Spots are limited; registration is required.

More information about all of our programs is available on our website, mattapoissettlibrary.org, or by calling (508) 758-4171. We hope to see you in the library soon. Until then, keep reading.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

Sometimes when looking through the many files collected by the Rochester Historical Society, serendipity occurs. I came across an old article entitled "Rochester Was Old When United States Was a Mere Infant." This is not just a talking point but an actual fact. While the United States is celebrating its 250th birthday, Rochester reached 340 years since its incorporation on June 4, 1686.

The article that I found begins with Native American names for four sections that became Old Rochester. They form a couplet:

Snipatuit and Monochessett
Sippican and Mattapeeset

It's interesting to note that in 1647, liberty was granted to Plymouth to make "use of the land of Sippican for herding and keeping of cattle and wintering them." That means that much of the land purchased by the original proprietors had simply been used for pasturage.

Nineteen years later in 1666, King Philip,

Supreme Sachem of the Wampanoag Federations, gave permission for the Sippican lands to be sold. Those lands formed

Old Rochester, and more was added when land in today's North Rochester, previously purchased from Native Americans, was added to the town.

Old Rochester covered a much larger area than today's Rochester, and now for the serendipitous part, I also found a hand-drawn map (shown here) that delineates the boundaries of Old Rochester. The abutting areas are Middleborough, Plymouth, Buzzards Bay, the Sippican and Mattapoissett harbors, and Tivertown, which was at some point folded into Freetown.

While the town today covers 32 square miles, it was much larger in the 1700s and the first half of the 1800s when it was known not just for its pine trees, bogs and fields, but also for its two harbors.



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July at the Rochester Historical Museum

In preparation for Freedom Bells on July 4th, Russ and Wendy Keeler climbed into the attic of the museum formerly known as the East Rochester Congregational Church and oiled and greased our bell that was cast in 1872. It rings (we're not sure what the bats in the belfry thought about that). We're encouraging people to join us at 355 County Road on July 4th, beginning at 11:30 am. If you have a handbell, bring it along to join in. We'll have a few on hand. At noon sharp, we'll toll the bell 13 times along with bells throughout the country. We'll have water and ice cream cups to finish the celebration, and then you can join in with other Rochester July 4th activities.

Our new exhibit, Rochester and the Revolution, will be opening in July, so stay tuned.

Elizabeth Taber Library Summer Reading

Summer Reading at the Elizabeth Taber Library begins on Monday, **June 22**, with our Summer Kickoff event between 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm. Kids of all ages can sign up for summer reading, enjoy a sweet treat, and participate in activities from the Library and the Marion Art Center.

Sign up for our summer reading challenge for kids' birth through Grade 7. Kids are invited to create their own reading goal. Upon signup, each child receives a free book to get started on their reading right away. Complete your reading goal by August 15 to receive

another free book. Summer Reading participants will also be able to earn coupons for free ice cream over the summer.

Summer reading isn't just for the kids. Teens in Grade 7-plus and adults will earn tickets for weekly raffles by checking out books, attending programs, and writing book reviews. Prizes include books, gift cards, and more.

Kids and adults can enjoy conversations with local authors as part of summer reading. On Tuesday, **June 23**, at 6:00 pm, Dianne Hunt Smith will discuss her new book "Whisper in the Waves." The Library will have limited copies of "Whisper in the Waves" available for purchase. On Tuesday, **June 30**, at 6:00 pm, kids and

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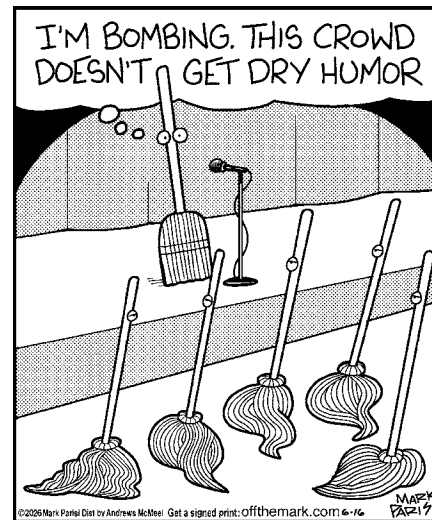
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the day he's an _____."

their caregivers can listen to Kendal Heldt read her book "Queen of the Rocks," based on Marion's Planting Island Causeway, and make their very own sea glass craft.

On Wednesday, **June 24**, at 1:00 pm we'll be hosting our first special summer reading program of the summer – a walk through Butterfly Exhibit. Kids and their caregivers will be able to get up close and personal with butterflies in various stages of their life cycles and learn about their importance to our environment. This is a drop-in program and does not require registration.

Regularly scheduled, early childhood programs will resume the week of June 22. This includes Lapsit Storytime on Mondays at 10:00 am, Outdoor Family Storytime on Wednesdays at 10:30 am, and our popular messy art program, Messy Morning, on Thursdays at 10:30 am. Messy morning will be open to kids up to age 9 this summer.

For information on all of our summer programs, visit elizabethtaberlibrary.org/events.

MRECo Welcomes Summer Interns

The Marine Renewable Energy Collaborative (MRECo) is pleased to welcome its Summer 2026 interns Parker Darphin, Alan Schneider, and Jillian Yang who will support the organization's marine renewable energy initiatives, technology development, and outreach efforts throughout the summer.

MRECo's internship program provides students and recent graduates with hands-on experience in ocean technology, engineering, and renewable energy while contributing directly to projects that advance sustainable marine energy solutions.

Parker Darphin is a Mechanical Engineering graduate from Mississippi State University and is pursuing a master's degree in Energy Engineering with a Nuclear concentration at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Before graduate school, Parker spent four years at Austal USA designing piping and HVAC systems for U.S. Navy and Coast Guard vessels. This summer, he will support MRECo's work at the Bourne Tidal Test Site by helping prepare ocean-energy systems and testing



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Alan Schneider is a dual Electrical and Computer Engineering student at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and serves as vice president of the university's IDEA Club, which supports student-led engineering and innovation projects.

With experience in LEGO Robotics, VEX Robotics, and personal engineering projects such as his modular handheld PC, "EverDeck," Alan brings strong design and prototyping experience to MRECo. This summer, he will assist with system design, fabrication, and testing for marine renewable energy projects.

Jillian Yang, originally from Framingham and now based in Marion, recently graduated from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth with a Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing. Continuing her internship with MRECo, Jillian supports the organization's marketing and communications efforts. This summer, she will focus on social media strategy, content development, media outreach, and public awareness initiatives that highlight MRECo's renewable energy projects and partnerships.

MRECo's Summer 2026 internship program reflects the organization's ongoing commitment to developing the next generation of engineers, scientists, and communications professionals while advancing clean ocean-energy technologies in Massachusetts.

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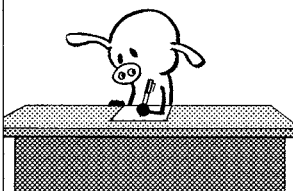
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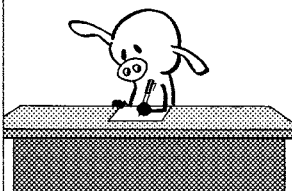
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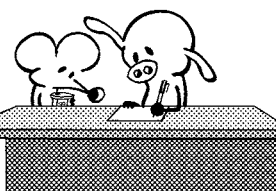
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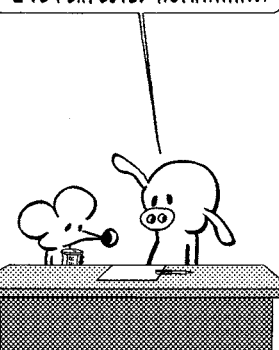
That way, when someone's young
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older person's brain that
knows better.



And when they're older and
have stupid ideas, their old
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Meet and Greet with Potter Wendy Goldsmith

In conjunction with the Mattapoisett Free Public Library's Art Series and a ceramic exhibit by Wendy Goldsmith called *Birds of a Feather and Other Friends*, June 2 to June 30, Goldsmith will be at the library in person on Wednesday, **June 24**, from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm for a Meet & Greet the Artist. Come meet Goldsmith, hear about her work, view the exhibit, and get answers to questions you may have for her.

SHS Presents Dr. Paul Robinson on the Invention of American Science

The Sippican Historical Society and its members invite the public to an evening of local connection and historical discovery. On **June 18**, its Speaker Series features Dr. Paul Robinson, speaking on "Benjamin Franklin and the Invention of American Science." The event will take place at the Marion Music Hall, located at 164 Front Street in Marion. The evening will begin with the Sippican Historical Society's Annual Meeting at 6:30 pm, followed immediately by Dr. Robinson's talk at 7:00 pm.

This presentation will dive into the reasons why Benjamin Franklin and his peers believed the United States was the ultimate leader in scientific exploration. How did early American scientists define the discipline as a fundamentally American activity, ultimately helping the United States become a global scientific powerhouse?

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This evening is free and open to the public, made possible thanks to the generous support of Sippican Historical Society members. Donations are always gratefully accepted to this non-profit, and new members are warmly welcome.

Marion Social Club Pig Roast

The Marion Social Club located at 44 Pumping Station Road in Marion is having a Pig Roast on **August 16**. Dinner will include a very nice portion of roast pig, jag, baked beans, applesauce, coleslaw, corn bread and dessert. The Pig Master is the same one we have had in the past, and the meal is out of this world. Tickets are \$40 each and can be reserved by calling Betsy Youngson at 508-295-8253. Cut-off date is August 8, don't delay. The doors will open at noon for socializing, and dinner will be served at 1:00 pm. Also, we are looking for new members to help us with our dinners, the proceeds of which fund our scholarships and Senior Bake.

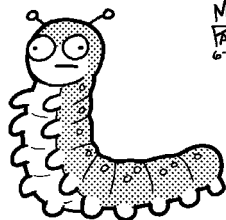
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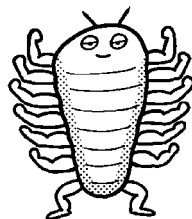
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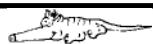
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Monday	June 22	2:31	3:06	8:39	10:00
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Wednesday	June 24	4:21	4:59	10:03	11:38
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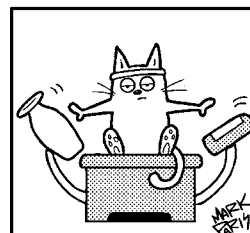
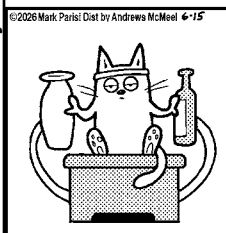
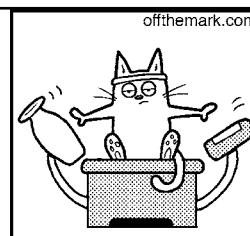
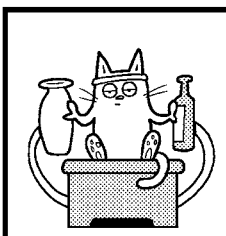
1. Module; 2. Enact
3. Eager; 4. Hoist

Today's Word
AUDITOR

Sudoku Answer

4	3	8	9	6	2	7	5	1
2	9	5	7	1	4	3	6	8
6	1	7	8	5	3	9	4	2
9	5	4	3	7	1	8	2	6
3	8	1	4	2	6	5	9	7
7	2	6	5	9	8	1	3	4
5	4	3	6	8	7	2	1	9
8	6	2	1	3	9	4	7	5
1	7	9	2	4	5	6	8	3

by Mark Parisi off the mark



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MORNING PUSH-OFFS



at PLUMB CORNER

SALE EFFECTIVE:

Friday, June 19 to Thursday, June 25, 2026

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48 oz. Selected Variety
Breyers
Ice Cream
\$5.49



25.3 oz.
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Sparkling Water **\$2.39**

12.7-18 oz. Selected Variety
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Cereal **\$4.99**

24 oz. Selected Variety
Newman's Own
Pasta Sauce **\$3.49**

16 oz. Selected Variety
Newman's Own
Salsa **\$3.49**

16 oz. Selected Variety
Bush's Best
Baked Beans **2/\$5**

10 oz.
Kikkoman
Teriyaki or Soy Sauce **\$2.49**

5.5 oz. Selected Variety
Food Should Taste Good
Chips **\$3.49**

5.2-5.5 oz. Selected Variety
Pringles
Potato Crisps **2/\$5**

8 oz. Selected Variety
Port City Pretzel
Pretzels **\$3.49**

7-8 oz. Selected Variety Slices or
Cabot Creamery
Cracker Cut Cheese **2/\$7**

32 oz. Selected Variety
Lifeway
Kefir **\$3.99**

32 oz. Selected Variety
Stonyfield Organic
Yogurt **\$4.99**

27 oz. 6 pk. Selected Variety
Klondike
Ice Cream Bars **\$4.99**

MEAT, DELI, & CHEESE

Fresh, Bone-In
Bell & Evans
Split Chicken Breast **\$5.49^{lb}**

Fresh, Bone-In
Center Cut
Pork Chops **\$3.49^{lb}**

2.29 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety
Boar's Head
Cooked Bacon **\$5.99**

4 oz. Pkg.
Boar's Head
Uncured Fennel Salme **\$8.99**

3 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety, Kosher Dill
Boar's Head
Pickle Snacks **\$1.99**

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Made
Tuna Salad **\$11.99^{lb}**

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Made
Broccoli Salad **\$9.99^{lb}**

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Package
Red Bliss Potato Salad **\$6.99^{lb}**

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Package
Egg Salad **\$11.99^{lb}**

5 oz. Pkg. Crumbles
BelGioioso
Blue Cheese **\$2.99**

10 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety
Ithaca
Hummus **\$4.99**

6 oz. Pkg.
Boar's Head
Manchego Cheese **\$10.99**

Ready to Serve
Allen's
Rotisserie Chicken **\$9.99^{ea}**

CHEF PREPARED

With Sour Cream & Salsa
Smoked Pork Burrito **\$12.99^{ea}**

Spicy Sesame
Peanut Noodles **\$10.99^{lb}**

Pint
Black Bean & Corn Salad **\$9.99**

Fresh
Garden Side Salad **\$6.99^{ea}**

Various Styles
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Store Baked
Garlic Bread **\$3.49**

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6 Pack Flats (48 Plants)
While They Last!
Vegetables & Herbs **\$19.99**

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90% Lean
Friends'
Premium
Ground
Hamburger
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12 oz. Cans, 8 pk. Selected Variety
La Croix
Sparkling Water
\$4.49
+Dep



12-16 oz. Selected Variety
Barilla
Pasta
2/\$3



Deli Sliced
Boar's Head
Maple Honey
Ham
\$11.99
lb



SPIRITS

Summer
Sale!

1.75 Liter Titos Vodka **\$29.99**
1.75 Liter Smirnoff Vodka **\$19.99**
1.75 Liter Bacardi Rum **\$24.99**
750 ml. Jose Cuervo Silver Tequila **\$24.99**

16 oz. Selected Variety
Land O Lakes
Butter
\$3.49



QUALITY PRODUCE



Fresh Black Plums **\$3.99**
lb

Fresh Red Grapes **\$3.99**
lb

6 oz. Pkg. Blackberries or Raspberries **\$3.99**



Plump Cluster Tomatoes **\$2.99**
lb

Fresh Green Bell Peppers **\$2.49**
lb

Fresh Cucumbers **79¢**
lb

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